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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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| Application Number | 10/089,351 |
| Filing Date | March 27, 2002 |
| First Named Inventor | Dana Paul Gruenbacher |
| Group Art Unit | 3751 |
| Examiner Name | K. J. Prunner |
| Attorney Docket Number | 8278 |
| Confirmation Number | 1392 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on 9/25/2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

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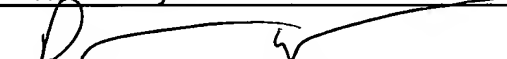
2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of ___ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

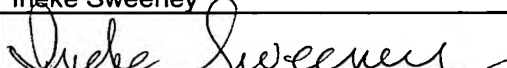
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **16-2480**.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Suspension of action fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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| NAME (Print/Type) | Peter D. Meyer | Reg. No. (Attorney/Agent) 47,792 |
| SIGNATURE |  | DATE October 22, 2003 |

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL****for FY 2004**

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**Complete if Known**

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)770.00**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

1. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees submitted on this form, credit any over payments, and charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application to:

Deposit Account Number: **16-2480**Deposit Account Name: **The Procter & Gamble Company****FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE - Large Entity**

| Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1001 770 | Utility filing fee | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1002 340 | Design filing fee | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1004 770 | Reissue filing fee | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1005 160 | Provisional filing fee | <input type="checkbox"/> |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)☐**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE - Large Entity**

| | | Extra | Fee from | Fee |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Claims | Below | Paid |
| Total Claims | <input type="checkbox"/> - 20** = | <input type="checkbox"/> x | <input type="checkbox"/> | = <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Independent Claims | <input type="checkbox"/> - 3** = | <input type="checkbox"/> x | <input type="checkbox"/> | = <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Multiple Dependent | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | = <input type="checkbox"/> |

** or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

| Code (\$) | Fee Description |
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| 1202 18 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 86 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 290 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 86 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 18 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 & over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)☐**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

| Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| 1051 130 | Surcharge-late filing fee or oath | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1052 50 | Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1053 130 | Non-English specification | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1812 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1804 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner's action | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1805 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner's action | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1251 110 | Extension for reply within 1 st month | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1252 420 | Extension for reply within 2 nd month | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1253 950 | Extension for reply within 3 rd month | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1254 1,480 | Extension for reply within 4 th month | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1255 2,010 | Extension for reply within 5 th month | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1401 330 | Notice of Appeal | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1402 330 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1403 290 | Request for oral hearing | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1451 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1452 110 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1453 1,330 | Petition to revive - unintentional | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1501 1,330 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1502 480 | Design issue fee | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1460 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1807 50 | Processing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(q) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1806 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Statement | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1809 770 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1810 770 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1801 770 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1802 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1454 1330 | Acceptance of unintentionally delayed claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119, 120, 121, or 365 (a) or (c) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Other fee (specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Name (Print/Type) | Peter D. Meyer | Registration No. | 47,792 | Complete (if applicable) | |
| Signature | | (Attorney/Agent) | | Telephone | (513) 634-9359 |
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